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In the absence of Mr. Ali (Malaysia), Mr. de Rijk (Netherlands), Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m.

Agenda item 128: Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (*continued*)

Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/C.5/62/L.30)

Draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.30: Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

1. *Draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.30 was adopted.*

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (A/C.5/62/L.31)

Draft decision A/C.5/62/L.31: Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

2. *Draft decision A/C.5/62/L.31 was adopted.*

Agenda item 134: Joint Inspection Unit (*continued*) (A/C.5/62/L.28)

Draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.28: Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2007 and programme of work for 2008

3. *Draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.28 was adopted.*

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Draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.29: Strengthening investigations

4. *Draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.29 was adopted.*

Agenda item 133: Human resources management (*continued*) (A/C.5/62/L.33)

Draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.33: Human resources management

5. *Draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.33 was adopted.*

6. **Mr. Hunte** (Antigua and Barbuda), speaking in explanation of position on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, said that delegations had worked hard to achieve a positive outcome. They were disappointed that their efforts had not brought about the desired result but would strive to make further progress in the fall.

7. **Mr. Muhith** (Bangladesh) said that his delegation attached great importance to streamlining contracts and improving the conditions of service of field staff. The Secretariat, the International Civil Service Commission and the Advisory Committee had provided adequate information, which should have enabled delegations to reach a consensus at the current session. Bangladesh deeply regretted that the agenda item was being deferred to the sixty-third session.

8. **Mr. Taula** (New Zealand), speaking on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand (CANZ), said that the CANZ delegations also regretted that it had not been possible to reach a consensus on a more substantive resolution. They trusted that further progress would be made in the fall.

Agenda item 126: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (*continued*)

Questions deferred for future consideration (A/C.5/62/L.32)

Draft decision A/C.5/62/L.32: Questions deferred for future consideration

9. *Draft decision A/C.5/62/L.32 was adopted.*

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10. **Ms. Simkić** (Slovenia), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that the European Union regretted the Committee's failure to reach consensus on the strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs, especially since all Member States had affirmed the importance of preventive diplomacy. The reports had been issued well before the start of the first part of the resumed session and, if all parties had been willing to engage, it would have been possible to reach a consensus.

11. **Mr. Wagle** (Nepal) said that Nepal was on the verge of holding crucial elections and expressed his delegation's gratitude to the Secretariat and the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) for their support.

12. **The Chairman** declared that the Fifth Committee had completed its work at the first part of the resumed sixty-second session of the General Assembly.

The meeting rose at 4.35 p.m.